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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yosuke Suzuki et al.  
Serial No. : 09/286,480  
Filed : April 5, 1999  
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REPRODUCING CHARACTER  
INFORMATION RECORDED ON A RECORDING MEDIUM  
Examiner : Thomas J. Joseph  
Art Unit : 2174

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	13	Minus	= 20	0 ×	\$18(9)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	= 3	0 ×	\$84(42)	= \$0.00
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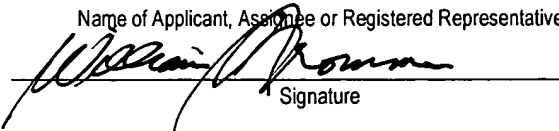
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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280 (\$140) has been previously paid \_\_, or is paid herewith \_\_.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_ first month, \_\_ second month, \_\_ third month, \_\_ fourth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor, and the fee of \_ \$110 (\$55), \_ \$410 (\$205), \_ \$930 (\$465), \_ \$1,450 (\$725) for the requisite extension \_\_ paid herewith.
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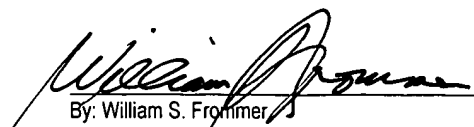
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002. In light of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-13 are in this application.

Claims 1, 2 and 5-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Using Netscape 2* ("Netscape"). Dependent claims 3 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Using Netscape 2*.

Independent claim 10 is representative and recites in pertinent part:

"...audio data, character information, and one of (i) a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and (ii) an electronic mail address (e-mail) recorded on said rotatable recording medium, said character information being associated with said audio data; [and]

searching said...character information for a string of characters representing address information pertaining to one of (i) the URL used to obtain further information about said audio data and (ii) the electronic mail address (e-mail)..."

(Independent claims 1 and 6 recite similar limitations).

The *Using Netscape 2* reference mentions at the third full paragraph of page 438 that Netscape includes an audio player application called TSPlay32. A user can run this player all by itself and choose to load and play an audio file from a disk; or, the user can tell the player to load a URL and it will connect to the Web and play a file directly from the URL site where the file is stored without the aid of the browser. However, the reference fails to disclose, for example, searching a disk for a URL or email address recorded thereon and used to obtain from the URL or email address further information about audio data recorded on the disk. The reference fails to disclose, in particular, "audio data, character information, and one of (i) a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and (ii) an electronic mail address (e-mail) recorded on said rotatable recording medium, said character information being associated with said audio data; [and] searching said...character information for a string of characters representing address information pertaining to one of (i) the URL used to obtain further information about said audio

data and (ii) the electronic mail address (e-mail)..." (See Figures 16-18 and pages 25-30 of the substitute specification of the present application).

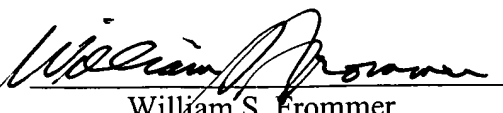
Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 6 and 10 are distinguishable from the *Using Netscape 2* reference. Claims 2-5, 7-9 and 11-13 depend from one of claims 1, 6 and 10 and are therefore also distinguishable from the reference for at least the reasons previously described.

It is to be appreciated that the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the Applicants' undersigned attorney and, in the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance; and an early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any fees incurred by reason of this response and not paid herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,  
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